

As a citizen and former serviceman who fought for our freedoms in the Korean War I am deeply disappointed in Chairman Powell's dis-regard for a democratic approach in resolving the issue concerning today's decision on Broadcast Ownership. The airwaves belong to us the citizens of this country! That is probably hard for Mr Powell to believe in the way he relates to Cooperate America. Why did the commission hold 45 private meetings for the cooperations and only 2 for the public citizens? Shame on him! When I want news I have to go to PBS or one of the C-Span's or BBC. The recent coverage given to the War on Iraq shows just how the Cooperate media follows the propaganda handed to them from the Pentagon and the White House. This state of affairs is disgraceful. Were promises made to Mr. Powell by the Cooperations for doing their bidding? Why can't we require that all cooperations who receive broadcast licenses are required as a public service to have public TV Political Debates and to explore significant issues related to our public interest. Do we live in a democracy or not? I just don't think that you folks in Washington catch on, it appears that our leadership keeps separating themselves from the public whom they serve! But they do all they can for Cooperate America.